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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 18 June 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Amory, Colonel White,

[redacted] Kirkpatrick, [redacted]  
Sheldon [redacted]

Mr. Wisner:

a) Called attention to the editorials appearing in several of today's newspapers on the execution of Imre Nagy and noted that the contents would be most useful in our propaganda activities against the Communists. The Director asked what additional action is being taken by CIA and Mr. Wisner replied that we were furnishing material to Cabot Lodge who intends to make a speech at the UN in the very near future. The Director commented it might be better if a representative from some country other than the U. S. could make this talk. In a further discussion as to ideas that might be used to play up Nagy's death, the following points were mentioned and the Director noted his intention to raise them at today's OCB luncheon meeting and also to elicit ideas from that group:

1. Flying U. S. flags at half mast on embassies throughout the world.
2. The President or Secretary of State to send a message to Comulka.
3. Tenth anniversary of expulsion of Tito.
4. Prayers in churches world-wide

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7. Play up type of Nagy's trial.

Colonel White:

a) Noted that we had purchased about \$25,000 worth of modular furniture for use in the new building and while it was not contemplated at this time to put in a request for all new furniture which would cost somewhere between two or three million dollars, it is intended to experiment with this modular furniture ~~purchase~~ in order to determine if space can be saved by its use and also increase efficiency, etc. In response to a query from the Director, Colonel White noted that should it ever be decided to purchase new furniture, PBS would take back our old furniture but we would not receive any money for it.

Colonel White then raised the question of DD/I's request that he be allowed to spend \$50,000 from 1958 funds on hand in his budget for the purpose of constructing in the Riverside Stadium an exact mock up of space to be used by one of the DD/I divisions in the new building. Mr. Amory said the full-scale mock up idea is a well-known device for testing and perfecting ideas for operations in a new building. In response to a query from the Director, Mr. Amory stated that the people occupying the space would be a full division of working people, however, the space would be available from time to time to be shown to other components of the Agency. Colonel White remarked that he could not see the necessity of spending \$50,000 to construct "a building within a building" since in his opinion we might be leaving ourselves open to criticism and further he believed the same purpose could be obtained by using the new furniture in the space presently available without going to such expensive alterations. Mr. Kirkpatrick said he disagreed since it was his understanding that Time and Life had expended about \$240,000 for a mock up of its new building and had found that the experiment with different types of furniture, location of people, placement of files, etc., had ultimately saved a considerable amount of money and increased efficiency.

After some further discussion the Director decided to defer decision until a later date.

b) Reported that the State Department has cancelled attendance by U. S. citizens at the American University in Beirut.

Mr. Dulles:

a) Noted that at the OCB luncheon meeting on 11 June the subject of protection of the Nicaro nickel plant in Cuba had been raised and Mr. Staats had pointed out that an inter-agency working group had recently been established under NSC 163/1 to look into this problem. Neither Mr. Wisner nor [ ] knew anything about this group and undertook to determine whether this Agency had been asked to participate.

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b) Noted that [ ] has the UN report on the affects of radiation and asked Mr. Wisner to get in touch with [ ] about this report.

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